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From the President

If you weren't able to attend the IPCAS Christmas party, you missed out on a truly lovely evening as friends shared stories of past year's activities and celebrated with delicious treats and good cheer all around. While some expressed missing the traditional 'white mammoth' gift exchange, the creative archaeology quiz put on by Allison and Chris Kerns was clearly a hit with everyone in attendance. It was definitely a fun change of pace. The evening culminated with the passing of the calumet and atlatl from Anne Robinson to me and was immediately followed by a much-deserved standing ovation for Anne and Karen Kinnear as the outgoing co-presidents. Fortunately for us, both are staying on the Board and Anne will be keeping busy as the new president of the Colorado Rock Art Association and Karen is the new CAS president. A hearty congratulations to both!

As we look ahead to the coming year, I am reminded how very fortunate we are to have so many educational opportunities at our fingertips with PAAC classes, site visits and lectures just to name a few. As the new IPCAS president, I am committed to spreading the word about IPCAS and building on the educational outreach efforts of the previous Board. Anne and Karen leave big shoes to fill as outgoing IPCAS presidents, and I hope to follow their lead with additional field trips, new site stewardship opportunities and increased educational outreach.

I'm honored to serve with this exceptional group of people. I suspect my archaeological interests are very similar to yours, although I still have on my training wheels! I hope you'll be patient with me as we get to know each other better in the coming months. Please don't hesitate to email me or call, if you have suggestions or questions. We're going to have fun! I'm the epitome of the old adage that what she lacks for in knowledge, she makes up for in enthusiasm!

Happy holidays everyone, and here's to a bright and adventurous 2016!



IPCAS President Rosi Dennett



2015 IPCAS Holiday Party



Revelers at the 2015 IPCAS Holiday Party



Anne Robinson, 2015 Co-President, passes the ceremonial calumet to the 2016 IPCAS President Rosi Dennett

IPCAS Lecture: January 2016

Missing the Boat: Ancient Dugout Canoes in the Mississippi and Missouri River Valleys

Speaker: Peter H. Wood, emeritus historian, Duke University



"The manner of making their boates" by Theodor de Bry after a John White watercolor. European view of Indians making a dugout canoe, using fire and seashell scrapers (1590).

When archaeologists discuss the great Mississippian site at Cahokia near East St. Louis, a crucial piece of the puzzle still seems to be missing. They know much about the great mound-building center, and about the trade goods and tribute that flowed to it. But they rarely talk about *how* those objects moved great distances. So far, we have never recovered a huge and ancient wooden canoe in the Mississippi Valley. (Indeed, we can't even imagine the immense trees from which such dugouts were made a thousand years ago!) But indirect evidence from other places and disciplines strongly points to the existence and importance of such vessels. This slide talk by a Duke University historian of early America explores how long such boats were in use, and why they disappeared.

Peter H. Wood grew up in St. Louis, giving him a life-long interest in the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers. He studied history at Harvard and at Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar in 1964. He taught early American history at Duke University from 1976 to 2008, and in 2011 he received the Asher Distinguished Teaching Award of the American Historical Association. He is the co-author, with UNL's Tim Borstelmann and others, of an important U.S. History survey, *Created Equal*, now in its fifth edition.

Wood is the author of several widely used books on early American slavery, *Black Majority* and *Strange New Land*. A wide-ranging scholar, Wood has written about Native American demography and African American slave labor camps, as well as "Television as Dream" and Gerald Ford's pardon of Richard Nixon. Intrigued by

early French exploration, he published an article on LaSalle in the *American Historical Review* (April, 1984), and this fall his essay on Baron Lahontan will appear in the *Journal of the Iowa Archaeology Society*. An interest in material culture has sparked Wood's research on Native American dipper gourds, Sea Island rice fanning baskets, and, most recently, ancient Mississippian dugout canoes. Dr. Wood has also authored three books on the images of black Americans created by the great artist Winslow Homer.

His most recent study, entitled *Near Andersonville: Winslow Homer's Civil War*, is based on the 2009 Huggins Lectures at Harvard University. He is currently working on a profile of John Anthony Copeland, a black North Carolinian who accompanied John Brown at Harper's Ferry. Dr. Wood lives in Longmont, Colorado, with his wife, Pulitzer-Prize-winning historian Elizabeth Fenn, who chairs the History Department at CU-Boulder.



Exhibit at CU Museum of Natural History

Unearthed: Ancient Life in the Boulder Valley

This new exhibit features a collection of 80+ stone tools known as The Mahaffy Cache that was found in a Boulder backyard in 2007. The artifacts were studied by CU Boulder Professor of Archaeology Doug Bamforth, Ph.D. He dates the tools to 13,000 years ago at the end of the last ice age.

The discovery of stone tools from the late Pleistocene within the city limits of Boulder is a rare event in

archaeology. This is the first time the tools will be on display for the public. The exhibit includes interactive elements and video, as well as replicas of the tools that visitors can pick up and hold. For more information go to: <https://cumuseum.colorado.edu/current-exhibits>.

Spotlight

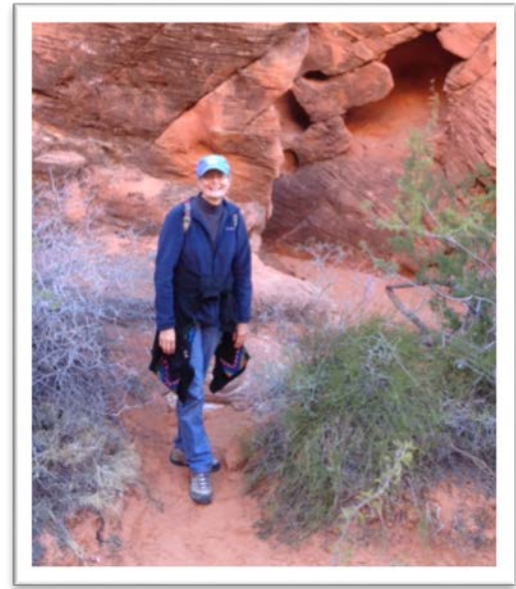
By Rosi Dennett

As a child, I remember many afternoons spent searching for arrowheads in Kansas stream beds with my grandparents. My passion for archaeology was instilled at a young age, and years after those early trips with Granddad I found myself stumbling across the Colorado Archaeological Society website online and learned about the PAAC program. I've lived in Boulder County for over 30 years and had no idea these learning opportunities existed, nor had I ever heard of an "avocational archaeologist." Before I knew it, I was sitting in my first PAAC class about rock art and found in archaeologist Kevin Black an excellent teacher. I was hooked.

It didn't take long for me to become involved with IPCAS and shortly answered a plea to become treasurer on the Board. I jumped at the chance to participate in the Mimbres and Yellowjacket pottery labs

at CU under the direction of Dr. Jakob Sedig and Dr. Stephen Lekson. And even though the September 2013 flood tripled my workload as a town planner, I have managed to complete a half dozen PAAC classes, participate in excavations at Allen's Cabin in Allenspark and Mitchell Springs Ruin near Cortez, attend numerous archaeology lectures, conferences and field trips, and mostly recently joined Dr. Scott Ortman's lab at CU on Pojoaque/Cuyamungue ceramics.

I am so thankful to have this opportunity to belong to such a dynamic, energetic organization with so many opportunities to learn and obtain hands-on experience in this wonderfully mysterious and stimulating field called archaeology. I can hardly wait to see what is in store for all of us in 2016.



Rosi at Valley of Fire Nevada State Park

In The Field

By Rosi Dennett

So, if you're willing to get your hands dirty and you're looking for the chance to experience an archaeological excavation up close and personal, **Mitchell Springs Ruins Field School** is the place for you! Each summer, property owner and archaeologist Dave Dove leads several four-day dig sessions for members of the Colorado and Arizona Archaeological Societies welcoming professionals and amateurs alike.

This Northern San Juan Pueblo is located south of Cortez and spans over 500 years of occupation from A.D. 725 to 1230. According to the Fetterman and Associates Survey, the site includes approximately 500 rooms, 75 kivas or pit structures, and a tri-wall structure. The field school research focuses on the Puebloan pattern of building construction on top of older buildings and explores what can be learned from these overlapping generations of builders. Interesting project updates can be found on the Four Corners Research website, including a detailed analysis of this pattern which is common in the southwest.



Mocassin Gray Jar / Photo by Mary Gallagher

I had the pleasure of attending one of this year's field schools in the portion of the site known as Section 7 of Pueblo A, which has Basketmaker III and Pueblo I structures underneath Pueblo II and III structures. Not only does one get to learn actual excavation skills onsite, certainly a unique experience these days, but it is also incredible to see all four different occupation periods at one location.

My group of four excavators worked on a portion of the attached side room of Room 27, which was a pit structure dating in the 800s A.D. We were fortunate to uncover numerous one- and two-handed manos, two bone needles, a projectile point and most of the pieces of a Moccasin Gray jar which dates to the Pueblo I period (approximately 800 A.D.).

The dates for the 2016 field school sessions are posted at www.fourcornersresearch (May 21-24, July 15-18, August 5-8, and August 26-29). Check out the website for information on how to sign up!



Dave Dove, Erin, and Rosi Dennett Uncovering Pot Sherds / Photo by Mary Gallagher



Pot Sherds In-Situ in Pithouse Attached Room / Photo by Rosi Dennett

Volunteer Opportunities

- **CU Ceramics Lab** with Dr. Scott Ortman on Mondays from 3 to 6 pm at Hale Lab starting on January 11. Volunteers will sort and document Pojoaque/Cuyamungue ceramic sherds from northern New Mexico. For additional information, contact Gretchen Acharya at gacharyafinearts@gmail.com.
- Jason LaBelle: Fort Collins Fossil Creek – more information will be provided when it becomes available.
- Bob Brunswig: Excavation of bison processing camp in North Park for the summer program. Look for an article in next month's newsletter.

In the News

By Heidi Short

- Exclusive: Feds Investigate Hobby Lobby Boss for Illicit Artifacts <http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2015/10/26/exclusive-feds-investigate-hobby-lobby-boss-for-illicit-artifacts.html>
- Long Time Retired National Park Service Official to plead guilty to removal of Native American remains from Effigy Mounds National Monument. <http://www.thegazette.com/subject/news/government/retired-effigy-mounds-official-will-plead-guilty-to-removing-ancient-human-remains-20151216>
- Mesa Verde wants feral horses, cattle out. Wandering animals damage ancient sites, pose risk to humans. http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_24248877/at-mesa-verde-national-park-wild-horses-have

Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification

The **Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)** is a joint program of the Colorado Archaeological Society and the Office of the State Archaeologist of Colorado. PAAC is a mutually beneficial educational program for avocational and professional archaeologists. Established in 1978 by the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) and the Office of the State Archaeologist of Colorado (OSAC), it allows CAS members and other citizens to obtain formally recognized levels of expertise outside of an academic degree program. It also facilitates avocational public service and assistance in education, governmental management of cultural resources, research, and the protection of archaeological resources in Colorado. PAAC complements, but does not replace, existing university and governmental training programs. For more information about the program, class schedule, and how to enroll, go to: www.historycolorado.org.



The **Lithics Description & Analysis** course will be conducted at the Boulder Rural Fire Rescue facility at 6230 Lookout Road starting February 10 through March 23. This course introduces individuals to the technology of stone tool manufacture, the identification of tool classes, and basic lithic analysis. It is important that individuals learn to recognize this kind of material, as it's often the best indication of the presence of an archaeological site.

Highlights

CAS Quarterly Meeting

By Karen Kinnear, 2016 CAS President

As an active member of IPCAS over the past several years I'm grateful for the opportunities I've had to meet and work with many of you on a variety of activities. Starting in January, as CAS President, I'll be turning my attention to avocational archaeological activities at the state level. I'll be taking with me what I've learned from talking with many of you about what you love about archaeology, why you joined IPCAS, and your thoughts and ideas about public outreach, site stewardship, and other important avocational activities.

One of my goals for the coming year is to visit local chapters and solicit input about how state CAS can be more relevant to local chapters, how members view CAS, and what CAS can do better to



2016 CAS President Karen Kinnear

support local chapters. I hope you'll share your ideas and thoughts with me, as we work together to make CAS a stronger and more vibrant organization and more relevant to local chapters. More importantly, I hope that you will share your ideas with Rosi and the other IPCAS board members to continue to improve and strengthen IPCAS.

For the next several months, I'll remain on IPCAS's board as CAS Representative and will continue to update you on happenings throughout the state. I'm excited about the 2016 IPCAS Board and I look forward to working with Rosi and the rest of the board on a variety of educational as well as fun activities! Happy New Year to all!

Call to Action: Renew Your IPCAS Membership

By Karen Kinnear

It's time to renew your IPCAS membership for 2016. You may have noticed that the membership form has changed, with some new options added. At the 2015 CAS Annual Meeting in Durango, CAS members approved the updated CAS Articles and Bylaws that, among other things, revised the membership categories. We still have the Individual and Family membership categories, along with the Student (Individual and Family) category. There is now a Senior/Disabled (Individual and Family) category, which is half the price of the regular Individual and Family categories; members who join at this level do not receive copies of *Southwestern Lore*, the signature CAS publication. This category provides members with the option of saving some money, especially if you are not interested in receiving *Southwestern Lore*. Please renew your membership now and join us for another year of fun and exciting activities! The new form is included at the end of this newsletter and online at: www.indianpeaksarchaeology.org.

Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists (CCPA) Annual Meeting

The CCPA Annual Meeting is a great way to network and learn about Colorado Archaeology. The meeting will be held at the Historic Steam Plant Event Center in Salida on March 18-20. Among the presenters will be CAS members who will present the latest findings at the Blackfoot Cave excavation and analysis. To learn more and to register, go to www.coloradoarchaeology.org.

Calendar of Events

The IPCAS presentation meetings are free and open to the public. The meetings are held in the University of Colorado Museum (CUMuseum), Dinosaur Room from September to May (except Dec), at 7 pm.

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| Jan 14 | IPCAS January 2016 Presentation (Second Thursday)
Topic: <i>Missing the Boat: Ancient Dugout Canoes in the Mississippi and Missouri River Valleys</i>
Speaker: Peter Wood |
| Feb 11 | IPCAS February 2016 Presentation (Second Thursday)
Topic: <i>Archaeological Evidence of the 1733 St. Jan Slave Rebellion in the Danish West Indies</i>
Speaker: Holly Norton |
| Mar 10 | IPCAS March 2016 Presentation (Second Thursday)
Topic: <i>Return to Upper Crossing: What New Architectural Data Tell Us about American Indian Settlement Systems in the Southern Rocky Mountains</i>
Speaker: Mark Mitchell |

2016 IPCAS Board and Supporting Members

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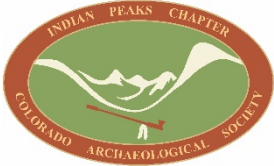
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Code of Ethics

As a member of the Colorado Archaeological Society, I pledge: To uphold state and federal antiquities laws. To support policies and educational programs designed to protect our cultural heritage and our state's antiquities. To encourage protection and discourage exploitation of archaeological resources. To encourage the study and recording of Colorado's archaeology and cultural history. To take an active part by participating in field and laboratory work for the purpose of developing new and significant information about the past. To respect the property rights of landowners. To assist whenever possible in locating, mapping and recording archaeological sites within Colorado, using State Site Survey forms. To respect the dignity of peoples whose cultural histories and spiritual practices are the subject of any investigation. To support only scientifically conducted activities and never participate in conduct involving dishonesty, deceit or misrepresentation about archaeological matters. To report vandalism. To remember that cultural resources are non-renewable and do not belong to you or me, but are ours to respect, to study and to enjoy.

Signature: _____ **Signature:** _____